



Amtrak in South Carolina

Fiscal Year 2025



Amtrak is America's Railroad,[®] created by Congress to "provide efficient and effective intercity passenger rail mobility consisting of high quality service that is trip-time competitive with other intercity travel options." In FY 2025, the company's 21,000+ employees operated an average of almost 300 intercity trains per day along 47 permanent routes, serving a record 34.5 million passengers. Amtrak's network includes 526 regularly-scheduled stops across 46 states, 3 Canadian provinces, and Washington, DC. Partner-operated Amtrak Connections offer connecting service to additional communities, typically via bus.

Service & Ridership

In FY 2025, Amtrak operated **8 intercity trains per day** on 4 permanent routes serving South Carolina, with **194,033 total passengers** boarding or alighting in the state.¹ Service was provided via the following routes:²

▪ Long-Distance Trains

- **Crescent** — New Orleans - Birmingham - Atlanta - Clemson - Greenville - Spartanburg - Charlotte - Washington, DC - Baltimore - Philadelphia - New York *(1 round trip daily)*
- **Floridian** — Chicago - South Bend - Toledo - Cleveland - Pittsburgh - Washington, DC - Richmond - Raleigh - Columbia - Savannah - Orlando - Tampa - Miami *(1 round trip daily)³*
- **Palmetto** — Savannah - Charleston - Florence - Fayetteville - Richmond - Washington, DC - Baltimore - Philadelphia - New York *(1 round trip daily)*
- **Silver Meteor** — Miami - Orlando - Savannah - Charleston - Florence - Fayetteville - Richmond - Washington, DC - Baltimore - Philadelphia - New York *(1 round trip daily)*

Stations

During FY 2025, Amtrak intercity trains made scheduled stops at 11 locations in South Carolina:

Station (Code)	2025 Ridership (Ons + Offs)	Amtrak ADA Responsibility	Amtrak ADA Compliance	Amtrak ADA Investment ⁴
Camden (CAM)	3,217	Sole	FY 26	\$5,747,959
Charleston (CHS)	72,042	Partial	Complete*	\$35,997
Clemson (CSN)	4,416	Partial	FY 27	\$1,594,985
Columbia (CLB)	31,084	Partial	FY 29	\$2,569,370

¹ Total equals sum of all boardings and alightings at in-state stations.

² Not all stops shown. Note that certain frequencies may not serve every station listed.

³ Effective Nov. 10, 2024, the *Silver Star* (New York - Miami) and *Capitol Limited* (Chicago - Washington, DC) are being temporarily combined into a new route, the *Floridian* (Chicago - DC - Miami), to accommodate regional capacity constraints created by a capital project in New York. The *Floridian* offers a single-seat connection between the Midwest and Florida but does not serve *Silver Star* station stops north of Washington.

⁴ "Amtrak ADA Investment" describes Amtrak's projected total investment in compliance work over the lifetime of ADASP.



Station (Code)	2025 Ridership (Ons + Offs)	Amtrak ADA Responsibility	Amtrak ADA Compliance	Amtrak ADA Investment ⁴
Denmark (DNK)	2,858	Partial	Complete	\$3,667,545
Dillon (DIL)	7,117	Sole	FY 26	\$2,445,477
Florence (FLO)	41,695	Sole	FY 27	\$14,808,229
Greenville (GRV)	8,802	Sole	FY 26	\$4,547,613
Kingstree (KTR)	10,184	Partial	FY 26	\$2,633,321
Spartanburg (SPB)	3,707	None	N/A	—
Yemassee (YEM)	8,911	Partial	FY 28	\$2,812,008
Total:	194,033	10/11	In Progress	\$40,862,505

** Status reflects third-party investments in Amtrak-responsible station components.*

Amtrak is working to ensure that its stations are fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. Most Amtrak-served stations are decades old; many were served by other railroads before the company ever existed. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), enacted in 1990, requires that U.S. stations be made accessible; in response, Amtrak developed an ADA Stations Program (ADASP) to bring station components for which the company is responsible into full ADA compliance. ADASP aims to ensure Amtrak provides the best possible service in the shortest possible timeframe; the program will ultimately invest a total of \$1.8 billion in 382 communities nationwide, including a **\$40.9 million investment in South Carolina**. All Amtrak-responsible work is targeted for completion by the end of CY 2029.

Detailed profiles of every permanent Amtrak station stop, including current information on accessibility, can be found on the Great American Stations website: <https://www.greatamericanstations.com>.

Additional Footprint

Amtrak maintains a **crew base** in Florence.

Host Railroads & On Time Performance

Outside the Boston-to-Washington, DC, Northeast Corridor (NEC), most Amtrak trains must travel over other “host” railroads’ tracks—and hosts generally control dispatching decisions on the tracks that they own. By law, Amtrak trains are required to receive preference over freight trains (i.e., priority in dispatching), but many host-dispatched trains arrive late at their destinations, and many routes do not meet on-time performance (OTP) standards established by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)—affecting millions of passengers per year.

Listed below are the Amtrak routes that operate in South Carolina, along with each route’s major in-state host railroad(s) and full-route customer on-time performance (C-OTP)⁵ in FY 2025:

⁵ C-OTP measures the proportion of customers traveling on a given route who arrive at their destinations on time. Suppose that passengers board a train scheduled to make two stops, and suppose that train is on time at the first stop but arrives late at the second. If all passengers alight at the first stop, C-OTP for that train is 100%; if all passengers alight at the second stop, C-OTP is 0%.

Route	In-State Host(s)	C-OTP
<i>Crescent</i>	Norfolk Southern	75.3%
<i>Floridian</i> ⁶	CSX	27.4%
<i>Palmetto</i>	CSX	63.5%
<i>Silver Meteor</i>	CSX	49.4%

Amtrak Guest Rewards

At the end of FY 2025, there were approximately 22.4 million members of Amtrak Guest Rewards (AGR), with 127,793 members listing an address in South Carolina. For more information about AGR, please see: <https://www.amtrak.com/guestrewards/home>.

Procurement

Amtrak's procurements are subject to "Buy America"-style domestic preference requirements, which the company is proud to meet or exceed. Nationally, Amtrak paid nearly \$5.7 billion for goods and services in FY 2025; 99% of that amount was spent domestically, and **\$27.7 million** went to vendors in South Carolina:

Community	Amount Spent
Duncan	\$17,907,360
Darlington	\$4,538,048
Cayce	\$1,426,669
Columbia	\$633,881
Piedmont	\$575,291
Camden	\$564,781
Lexington	\$433,563
Greenville	\$385,954
Beaufort	\$331,081
Conway	\$326,970
Aiken	\$172,718
Batesburg	\$130,267
Fort Mill	\$49,412
West Columbia	\$48,946
North Charleston	\$40,000
Myrtle Beach	\$32,649
Rock Hill	\$28,816
All Others <\$25k	\$109,980
Total Payments	\$27,736,384

⁶ Amtrak is temporarily combining the Capitol Limited and Silver Star trains to create the Floridian service. The C-OTP listed for the Floridian is from November 10, 2024 – September 30, 2025.

The single largest in-state payment category was **supplies for various maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) needs**.

Employment & Compensation

At the end of FY 2025, **65 Amtrak employees** lived in South Carolina, and the company had paid out a total of **\$7,421,575 in base wages and salary** in-state. Nationwide, Amtrak employed more than 21,000 active workers; total base wages and salaries for the year were approximately \$2.2 billion.

Current Amtrak Routes in South Carolina

